

to be skeptical with regard to foreign states; and  
 I am convinced of that truth, that if I were a  
 deputy, I should be inclined to concur in  
 General Gibson's opinion, and consider it my duty  
 to oppose to the clamor the perils such a state  
 of affairs is calculated to produce; and, in doing so,  
 I should be intimately convinced of having rendered  
 immense service to liberty. The Southern  
 potentates directed the attention of the